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Applicants received a Notice of Allowance dated February 9, 2006 for the above-identified patent application. In the Notice, the Examiner allowed claims 1-6 and 8-29. The Examiner also paraphrased the subject matter of some of the allowed claims as part of the stated reasons for allowance. Applicants agree with the Examiner's conclusion regarding the patentability of the allowed claims, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, Applicants believe that the claims are allowable because the prior art fails to disclose, teach or suggest the subject matter recited in the allowed claims, independent of how the subject matter of one or more of these claims may be paraphrased or otherwise described.

If the Examiner has any questions or wants to discuss this matter in more detail, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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